



# ANNANAGAR METHODIST CHURCH

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*Coming up . . . .*

**MYAF Sunday**

**20th Oct 9am**

# **INTOUCH**

## **OCTOBER 2024**

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# THE KING MAKER



From the Senior  
**PASTOR'S** Desk

**Dearly beloved in Christ,**

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

The world in which we live is a kingdom. Some individuals become kings by virtue of their birth, while others ascend to power by overthrowing their predecessors or aligning with rival kings. Naturally, the traditional concept of monarchy has long since faded. We now have democratically elected prime ministers and presidents. But **who is the true KING-MAKER?** People or power from above?

**Daniel 2:21** says, "And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding." This conveys a very clear message about God's authority. No one has the right to claim their strength, abilities, wealth, or influence as their own. Without question, it is the power from above. Yahweh, the God of the Jews and the God of the Universe is the embodiment of this power. Thus, **YHWH is the KING-MAKER.**

The books of Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles provide lists of the kings of the United Kingdom of Israel and the kings of Judah and Israel. These texts vividly describe both the noble and wicked monarchs who ruled over those kingdoms. While the kings of Israel came from various ethnic tribes, the kings of Judah were from a single family—the descendants of David. A few individuals were exalted by God to the position of king, but if they rebelled against Him, they were destroyed. These books contain a wealth of fascinating stories about the lives of these kings, helping us understand the ultimate power of the King-Maker. On one hand, there were god-fearing monarchs who upheld moral and ethical standards; on the other, there were corrupt, evil, and ungodly rulers.

This month, we will learn about the kings: Saul, David, Asa, Jehoshaphat, Ahab, Hezekiah, Jeroboam II, and Josiah. The first king of Israel (c. 1021–1000 BCE) was Saul. He was the son of Kish, a well-to-do member of the tribe of Benjamin. Saul was chosen as king by both the judge and prophet Samuel and by public acclamation. David, the second king, united all the tribes of Israel under one monarchy and established the Judean dynasty. A shepherd by trade, David was the youngest son of Jesse, a man from Bethlehem, and eventually joined Saul's court as an aide. He was anointed king by the prophet Samuel.

Asa, the third king of Judah and son of Abijah, was fervent in upholding the true worship of God. He worked to eliminate idolatry and its accompanying immoralities from the nation (1 Kings 15:8–11). As a result, the Lord

granted him wealth and rest. Jehoshaphat, another king of Judah, maintained close political and economic alliances. In Judah, he reorganized the army and attempted to centralize political power through a series of religious and legal reforms. Ahab, the most wicked of all the kings of Israel (1 Kings 16:33), is remembered for his turbulent reign and dramatic encounters with the prophet Elijah. Hezekiah, known for his obedience to God, zealously sought to set things right. As a devout man, Hezekiah obeyed the Lord in all his actions and heeded the counsel of the prophet Isaiah.

Jeroboam II, son of Joash, was one of the last kings of Israel. He had a long reign during which he and Uzziah, the king of Judah, worked together to bring about an era of peace, prosperity, and imperial dominance. Josiah, the grandson of Manasseh, initiated a national revival around 621 BCE, with the Jerusalem Temple as its focal point. During the temple renovation, the Book of the Covenant was discovered, deeply impressing Josiah and prompting him to implement significant religious reforms. I encourage you to read the chapters related to the kings of Judah to receive spiritual insight and blessings.

With blessings

**Rev. Dr. Andrew B Natarajan**

# WORSHIP SCHEDULE

## October- 2024

Annual Theme

**Remember, Consider, Imitate Leaders.** *(Heb 13:7)*



- **Monthly Theme : King Maker**

*(Daniel 2:21)*

### 6 Oct 2024

20th Sunday after Pentecost

**7.00 AM**

**Theme:** King David

**Text:** 2Samuel 5:1-5

**Preacher:**

**Rev. Dr. Andrew B Natarajan**

**Bible Reading :**

Dr. Mrs. Eunice Selveraj

**9.00 AM**

**Theme:** King David

**Text:** 2Samuel 5:1-5

**Preacher:**

**Rev. Dr. Andrew B Natarajan**

**Bible Reading :**

Ms. Melissa Jansen

**6.00 PM**

**Theme:** King Saul

**Text:** 1Samuel 10:1-8

**Preacher:**

**Mr. Vijayakumar**

**Bible Reading :**

Mr. Varun Dinakar

### 13 Oct 2024

21st Sunday after Pentecost

**7.00 AM**

**Theme:** King Asa

**Text:** 2Chronicles 14:1-14

**Preacher:**

**Rev. R.J. Christopher**

**Bible Reading :**

Mrs. Karoline Davis

**9.00 AM**

**Theme:** King Jehoshaphat

**Text:** 2Chronicles 20:31-21:1

**Preacher:**

**Mr. Neil Vimalkumar**

**Bible Reading :**

Mr. Pravin Raj

**6.00 PM**

**Theme:** King Asa

**Text:** 2Chronicles 14:1-14

**Preacher:**

**Rev. R.J. Christopher**

**Bible Reading :**

Mrs. Lilly Daniel

**20 Oct 2024**

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

**7.00 AM**

**Theme:** King Hezekiah

**Text:** 2Kings 18:1-8

**Preacher:**

**Mr. Ravi K. Martin**

**Bible Reading :**

Mrs. Anita Ravi

**9.00 AM**

**MYAF Sunday**

**6.00 PM**

**Theme:** King Ahab

**Text:** 1Kings 21:1-12,25-28

**Preacher:**

**Rev. Dr. Andrew B Natarajan**

**Bible Reading :**

Mrs. Susan Kurien

**27 Oct 2024**

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

**7.00 AM**

**Theme:** King Jeroboam II

**Text:** 2Kings 14 :23-29

**Preacher:**

**Rev. Dr. Andrew B Natarajan**

**Bible Reading :**

Mrs. Sheila Jayaprakash

**9.00 AM**

**Theme:** King Josiah

**Text:** 2Kings 22:1-2

**Preacher:**

**Rev. R.J. Christopher**

**Bible Reading :**

Mr. Kevin Gnanaraj

**6.00 PM**

**Theme:** King Jeroboam II

**Text:** 2Kings 14 :23-29

**Preacher:**

**Rev. Dr. Andrew B Natarajan**

**Bible Reading :**

Mr. Dinakaran Lambert

**Welcome to WSCS**  
**on 5th October'24 @ 5pm**

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Church

**SPIRITUAL GIFTS:**  
**EXHORTATION/  
ENCOURAGEMENT**

**Message by:**

**Mrs. Pearl Vincent**

**Come and be blessed** 🙏

# BIBLE MEMORY VERSES

**October 6th - 12th**  
**PROMISE**

And the Lord, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed.”  
Deuteronomy 31:8

**October 13th - 19th**  
**COMMAND**

Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!  
Psalms 46:10

**October 20th - 26th**  
**PROMISE**

The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.”  
Exodus 14:14

**October 27th - Nov 2ND**  
**COMMAND**

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.  
John 13:34

NKJV





God's perfect plan,  
a game well-designed,  
With rules to follow,  
to His will aligned.  
In life's great match,  
we're called to play,  
Each move with purpose,  
His voice obey.

The 'penalties' come  
when we stray from His grace,  
But mercy awaits if we seek His face.  
As a team, we rise, with roles unique,  
Our talents combine,  
for His glory we seek.  
We're the salt and light,  
the world to inspire,  
With hearts of gratitude,  
fueled by His fire.  
In stewardship and faith,  
we press ahead,  
To make disciples, where He has led.

- Ms. Melissa Jansen

(poem written after an inspiring session at YAF on 22nd Sept)



## SPIRITUAL GIFT OF SERVICE

The spiritual gift of serving is the ability to serve the spiritual and material needs of other people. There are a number of women in the Bible who used their spiritual gift of service for others.

**Source of Gifts:** The Triune God is the source of the different kinds of gifts, services and workings in every one of His children (1 Corinthians 12:4-6). All saved people will be sanctified people and equipped for service

**Kinds of Gifts:** Paul lists seven gifts and seven effects of service gifts. (Romans 12:6-11) Gift of Prophecy to build up faith within the community; Practical service to promote the growth of the Church; Teaching to provide the faithful with right teaching to understand the faith; Encouragement or Exhortation to promote ethical teaching and practice within the community; Almsgiving to generously support the Church and her ministries; Position of Authority to conscientiously and humbly provide resources and leadership in serve to the faith community; and Acts of Mercy to bringing relief to the unfortunate with a cheerfulness of spirit that relieves the recipient of embarrassment through understanding that performing the service on their behalf is a privilege of love

**Purpose of Gifts:** These gifts are given for common good (1 Corinthians 12:7), for strengthening, encouragement and consolation of people (1 Corinthians 14:3), to equip saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, to attain to the

unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ (Ephesians 4:12-13), to declare that God is really among us (1 Corinthians 14:25) and to glorify God in everything (1 Peter 4:11)

**Impact of Gifts:** Using the spiritual gifts of service strengthens the church (Ephesians 4:12); Service reflects God's love (1 John 3:18), leads to eternal blessings (Matthew 25:34-40) the word of God increased, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith (Acts 6:7)

**Biblical examples:** From Sarah to Mary, women played integral roles in God's overarching plan for humanity; Ruth and Esther left a lasting legacy and impact: Deborah and Hulda inspired and empowered others through their faith and actions motivate countless generations; Abigail and the wise woman of Abel served as examples of righteousness and virtue and their lives can provide lessons in how to live righteously; Stories of women like Hannah and Mary Magdalene show profound moments of divine interaction giving hope to countless women; From the very beginning, women like Eve, Hannah, Lois and Eunice played essential roles in the family unit by nurturing and caring for their families: Each woman, from Deborah to Ruth, embraced their unique callings and giftings and played their unique role and purpose in the biblical narrative.

**Use our Gifts of service for God:** God has given each one of us some spiritual gifts of service. We need to (i) discover the gifts- don't neglect them (1 Timothy 4:14), (ii) Dedicate our gifts to God as an instrument for God's glory (Romans 6:13) (iii) develop and deploy our gifts (Romans 12:6)

Let us use God's gifts for His glory everywhere and all the time

**Dr Sujatha Elizabeth Prasad**

# Prayer Pointers



- ❖ The Episcopal Leaders - Bishop Dr. E.D. Yesurathnam, Mrs. Evangeline Yesurathnam and District Superintendent Rev. Sam Sudalaiyandi.
- ❖ The Pastors and Office Staff.
- ❖ Ministries of Christ Methodist Church, Vaitheeswaran Koil
- ❖ Parsonage Construction at Chidambaram.
- ❖ Those who are sick and in pain, especially Mrs. Jebathai Chellaiah, Mrs Priya David, Mrs. Janette Michael and Ms. Adline Shuba.
- ❖ Those seeking job and life partner.
- ❖ The Sunday School, MYF, Young Adults, WSCS, Methodist Men, Elders Fellowship, Cell groups, Bible Study, AMC choirs, Prayer walk, Prayer station, Seekers Care Group and Aspire Group.
- ❖ The Union and State Governments.
- ❖ The Global affairs - economy, ecology, peaceful atmosphere.